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For: CONCEALED RETAINING CHANNEL FOR STORM SHUTTER ATTACHMENT

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This is a request for filing a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53 of pending prior application Serial No. 10/005,243 filed December 5, 2001. This Divisional Application elects to enter the attached Preliminary Amendment. Please also enter the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Nonpublication request and formal drawings.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed, and I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 10/005,243 as originally filed on December 5, 2001.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

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FEE CALCULATION

Basic Filing Fee (small entity)	\$385.00
Total Claims in excess of 20: $0 - 20 = 0 @ \$9.00$	= .00
Independent Claims in excess of 3: $3 - 3 = 0 @ \$43.00$	= .00

TOTAL FEE: \$385.00

3. Amend the claims before calculating the filing fee as follows:

Cancel all claims and enter the attached Preliminary Amendment

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4. The following have received Power of Attorney in the prior application: Brian S. Steinberger, Registration No. 36,423, Law Office of Brian S. Steinberger, P. A. Customer no.: 23717.


5. A copy of the Power of Attorney in the prior application is enclosed.

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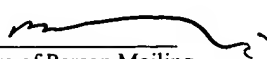
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I enclose the following papers:

1. Preliminary Amendment and Arguments

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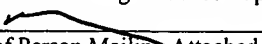
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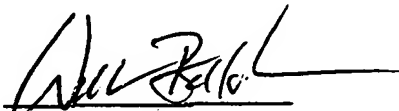
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UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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